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# Annual Report

Of the Town Officers for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1899. Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements.

## Receipts.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898	\$917 52
Total receipts during the year	2225 92
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	\$3143 44

## Disbursements.

Total disbursements during the year	\$3253 93
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1899	31 87
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	\$3285. 80

## Debt.

Assets Feb. 15, 1898	\$1732 92
Liabilities "	1341 15
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Balance in favor of the town Feb. 15, 1898	\$391 77
Assets Feb. 15, 1899	\$997 18
Liabilities "	864 15
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Balance in favor of town	\$133 03
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Decrease of balance during the year	258 74

## Receipts.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898	\$917 52
Received as follows:	
Railroad tax	22 61
Literary fund	25 20
Saving bank tax	85 58

J. H. Keyser, collector, 1898	\$1,593 77
“ “ 1897	81 03
County pauper claim to Sept. 1898	276 71
W. W. Eastman, collection, 1896	58 44
Lewis French, redemption homestead, 1896	14 67
Eben Morrill, “ Florence Blake place '96	3 70
John Crimmings, “ 1-2 old Woodard farm tax, 1897	9 00
Mrs. John Fackny, redemption homestead, 1897	9 08
Dog tax	14 00
G. H. Clark, use of hall	1 50
W. F. Whitcher, redemption of lots 64-92-2-3 of 93 and 1-2 of 94	21 14
Taxed to Glines & Phillips, of W. F. Whitcher, redemption on 10 acres Tyler farm 47 acres taxed to T. Gordon	9 49
	<hr/> \$3,143 44

### Town Orders Given.

No. 52	C. E. Caswell, printing town reports	\$12 00
53	H. H. Elliott, services as supervisor	2 25
2	M. S. Nutter, chairman of school board, for books	5 86
4	Ira Whitcher estate, for C. Pike, 16 1-2 months	33 00
5	E. D. Carpenter, casket for Mrs. Davis	8 50
6	G. H. Clark, goods furnished Pike, Hurl- butt and Heath	18 69
7	G. A. Weaver, doctoring Heath family	12 90
8	G. H. Welch, care Mrs. I. B. Davis	14 85
9	G. E. Davenport, doct. Pike family	4 25
10	G. W. Mann, rent for G. F. Hurlbutt	6 00



No. 11	Stickney Bros., goods for Hurlbutt	\$7 85
12	Howe & Gordon, " C. Pike	2 30
13	E. B. Mann & Co., " "	1 70
14	S. P. Carbee, doct. Hurlbutt	50 00
15	H. C. Stearns " "	8 00
16	Mary Hitchcock hospital, care Hurlbutt	48 00
18	M. S. Nutter, sch. books and supplies	6 74
19	D. M. Howe, serv. fish and game warden	9 50
20	C. A. Veazey, stationery for schools	1 56
21	M. S. Nutter, services as chairman school board	20 00
22	L. A. Collins, use of water trough	3 00
23	William Kendall, trustee of library	27 00
24	G. N. Belyea, use of water trough	3 00
25	F. M. Tyler, services as truant officer, dog killer and police	8 00
26	J. H. Keyser, coll. tax on D. D. Page place	8 25
27	" services as collector	35 00
28	" " town clerk	25 00
29	L. H. Parker, use of build'g for town clerk	15 00
30	" cash paid out and use water trough	14 00
31	J. H. Keyser, coll. land bid off at his non-resident land sale	54 06
32	J. H. Keyser, col. land bid off at his non-resident land sale	122 98
33	J. H. Keyser, col. abatements for 1898	3 56
34	" cash for death and birth certificates	75
35	D. H. Tibbetts, use of water trough	3 00
36	M. S. Nutter, literary fund and dog tax	53 20
37	" money raised for schools	400 00
38	E. B. Mann, school supplies	5 54

No. 39	A. W. Morrill, services as selectman	\$16 00
40	G. H. Clark " "	34 00
41	O. L. Mann " treasurer	15 50
43	" " supervisor	2 25
44	H. H. Elliott " "	2 25
45	L. H. Parker " selectman	41 00
Paid state tax		195 50
county tax		249 13
William Kendall on note		600 00
outstanding orders		49 76
interest on orders		10 57
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		\$2,271 25

### W. S. Nutter Road Agent.

For the month of February.

W. S. Nutter, 3 days, 4 hours at 1.50	\$5 00
" team 3 days at 1.25	3 75
L. A. Collins, 2 days 8 hours	3 50
" team 2 days 6 hours	3 25
George Bailey, 3 days 1 hour	3 87
" team 3 days	3 75
E. C. French, 3 days	3 75
J. S. Annis, 2 days 8 hours	3 50
Sam Howe, " 2 "	2 75
" team 1 day	1 25
E. Morse, 2 days 6 hours	3 25
O. L. Mann, 1 day 5 hours	1 87
J. W. Pike, 2 " 8 "	3 50
L. H. Parker, 3 "	37
E. Rundal, 3 "	-37
Stuart Muir, 1 day	1 25
Lon Annis, 2 " 1 hour	2 63



C. P. Collins,	1 day 2 hours	\$1 50
N. Burke,	1 " 8 "	2 25
" jr.,	1 " 8 "	2 25
R. G. Garef,	1 " 8 "	2 25
C. Horn,	8 "	1 00
S. J. Hutchins,	1 day	1 25
G. H. Welch,	1 "	1 25
Joe Beltier,	1 " 3 hours	1 67
C. B. Tyler,	1 " 6 "	2 00
J. H. Keyser,	1 " 2 "	1 50
F. M. Tyler,	3 " 2 "	4 00
D. H. Tibbetts,	4 " 2 "	5 25
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		\$73 75

### O. L. Mann, Road Agent.

For the month of March.

O. L. Mann,	3 days 7 hours at 2.00	\$7 50
L. H. Parker,	4 " at 1.50	60
J. S. Annis,	1 day 3 "	1 95
A. E. Tyler,	1 " 1 "	1 65
C. P. Collins,	5 "	75
E. C. French,	8 "	1 20
C. B. Tyler,	7 1-2	1 12
L. A. Collins and horses,	9 1-2 hours	2 85
W. S. Nutter	" 5 "	1 50
D. H. Tibbetts	" 8 "	2 40
G. H. Clark	3 "	45
Joe Peltier,	5 "	75
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		\$22 72

For the month of April.

O. L. Mann,	3 days 3 hours at 2.00	6 60
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L. A. Collins and horses, 3 hours at 1.50	90
W. S. Nutter " 1 day 5 hours	\$3 75
Arthur Delania, 5 hours	75
C. B. Tyler, 5 hours	75
D. H. Tibbetts and horses, 3-4 day	2 00

## For the month of May.

O. L. Mann, 8 days 1 hour	16 20
W. S. Nutter and horses, 4 days 8 hours	14 40
L. A. Collins " 3 "	9 00
J. J. Annis, 6 days 8 hours	10 12
A. E. Tyler, 7 " 3 "	10 95
S. Dexter, 5 " 8 "	8 70
C. B. Tyler, 2 " 3 "	3 45
Si Chamberlain, 3 days 7 hours	4 55
R. G. Gannett, 2 days	3 00
D. H. Tibbetts and horses, 5 hours	1 50

## For the month of June.

O. L. Mann, 19 days 5 hours at 2.00	39 00
W. S. Nutter and horses, 16 days 1 hour at 3.00	48 30
G. H. Clark " 8 " 7 " "	26 10
L. A. Collins " 16 " 3 1-2 " "	49 05
Si Chamberlain, 14 days 1 hour at 1.50	21 15
S. Dexter, 9 days	13 50
A. E. Tyler, 10 days 3 hours	15 45
C. B. Tyler, 12 "	18 00
J. S. Annis, 18 "	27 00
Alonzo Annis, 15 days 5 hours	23 25
C. P. Collins, 4 days 5 1-2 hours	6 82
H. R. Howe, 2 days	3 00
F. M. Tyler and horses, 22 days at 3.00 and plank	67 20
James Ramsey, 3 days 5 hours	5 25
N. Burke, jr., 14 days	21 00

C. A. Veasey, 1 day	*1 50
Arthur Delania, 3 days	4 50
S. J. Hutchins and horses, 1 day	3 00
D. H. Tibbetts and boy, 3 days	7 50
James Crimmings and horses, 1 day	3 00
A. A. Foss and horse, 3 days	9 00
H. H. Elliott, 2 days	3 00
R. G. Gannett, 1 day 2 hours	1 80
Napoleon Burke, 2 days	3 00
E. T. Page and team, 5 days 6 hours	18 28
Sharpening drills, dynamite, fuse, and caps	

For the month of July.

O. L. Mann, 2 days at 2.00	*4 00
L. A. Collins and horses 1 day	3.00
J. S. Annis, 2 days at 1.50	3 00
C. B. Tyler, 1 day	1 50
Si Chamberlain, 2 days	3 00
N. Burke, jr.,        "	3 00

For the month of August.

O. L. Mann, 4 days 2 hours at 2.00	8 40
L. A. Collins and team, 1 day 5 hours at 3.00	4 50
J. S. Annis, 1 day	1 50
A. E. Tyler, 1 day	1 50
C. B. Tyler, 1 day	1 50
F. M. Tyler, 7 hours	1 05

For the month of September.

L. A. Collins and horses, 3 days 5 hours at 3.00	10 50
L. H. Parker, 6 days at 1.50	9 00
J. S. Annis, 5 days	7 50
Bert Cox, 3 days at 2.00	6 00
W. W. Eastman, 3 days at 1.50	4 50
W. I. Eastman, 3 days	4 50



F. M. Tyler, 1 day 3 hours	\$1 95
Si Chamberlain, 5 hours	75
H. H. Elliott, 1 day 1 1-2 hours	1 72
E. T. Page and team, 4 days 8 1-2 hours at 3.00	14 50
W. W. Eastman, logs for bridge	33 40
A. E. Tyler, 6 days at 1.50	9 00

For the month of November.

O. L. Mann, 2 days at 2.00	4 00
L. H. Parker and horses, 1 day	3 00
S. Dexter, 1 day	1 50
F. M. Tyler, 2 hours	30
Si Chamberlain, 2 days	3 00
W. S. Nutter and horses, 1 3-5 day at 3.00	4 80
L. A. Collins " 1 day 5 hours	5 00
William Fitts, 5 hours	50

For the month of December.

O. L. Mann, 2 days at 2.00	4 00
L. H. Parker, 6 hours at 1.50	90
L. A. Collins and horses, 2 days	6 00
W. S. Nutter, 1 day 4 hours	2 10
G. H. Clark and horses, 8 hours	2 40
E. L. Morse, 8 hours	1 20
J. S. Annis, 1 day 4 hours	2 10
A. E. Tyler, 2 hours	30
S. Chamberlain, 5 hours	75
C. B. Tyler, 2 hours	25
E. C. French, 1 1-2 hours	22
F. M. Tyler, 8 hours	1 20
D. H. Tibbetts and horses, 4 days 4 hours	12 50

For the Month of February, 1899.

O. L. Mann and horses, 2 days 6 1-2 hours	\$9 05
L. A. Collins, " 2 days 9 hours	8 70

Geo. Brill, 1 day 1 hour	\$1 65
A. E. Tyler, 9 1-2 hours	1 43
L. H. Parker, 3 hours	45
C. B. Tyler and horses, 1 day 2 hours	3 60
S. Chamberlain, 4 hours	60
J. S. Annis, 7 hours	1 05
G. H. Clark and horses, 7 hours	2 10
J. H. Keyser, 2 days	2 50
E. B. Mann & Co., dynamite, fuse and caps	6 20
A. W. Morrill, bridge plank	1 00
F. M. Tyler, 1 day 6 hours	2 40
W. F. Whiteher, bridge plank	6 50
J. H. Keyser, " and logs	12 47
O. L. Mann, cash for logs, repairs on plow and road machine, and sharpening drills	7 50
L. H. Parker, for plank and timber	79 45
H. R. Howe, work on road	5 00
Total for highways	<hr/> \$982 68
Total paid out	<hr/> 2,271 25
	<hr/> \$3,253 93

### Assets.

#### Due from

J. H. Keyser on his col., 1898	\$219 16
Alvin Brill for school house	34 39
P. W. Allen, col. 1885, deed due of F. Hill home- stead. The receipts show the tax of said year to be paid, but due from col.	32 46
F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm	23 55
Deed by P. W. Allen, col. '85, tax cost and int. A. Morrill homestead	37 09

W. W. Eastman, col., '87, lot 41, 3 div.	811 82
“ “ '88, town of Benton, D. D.	
Page place	32 41
W. W. Eastman, col. '87, F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm	15 59
Taxed to land, D. D. Page farm	40 01
N. S. Hutchins, homestead	16 72
W. W. Eastman, col. 1890, W. B. Page, Eben Morse, 1-2 lot 14 G	1 74
J. H. Keyser, col. 1891, D. D. Page old farm	6 36
F. Hill, C. F. Morrill farm	7 95
G. F. Hurlbutt, N. D. Hutchins farm	6 57
J. H. Keyser, col. 1892, Arthur Curtis, 7 acres F. Hill farm	2 36
Charles Eaton, part C. C. Clough farm	19 02
Town of Benton, part D. D. Page, Morrill farm	6 48
John Crimmings, 10 acres land had of G. W. Chapman	4 38
John Crimmings, 5 acres had of J. H. Williams	3 38
J. H. Keyser, col. 1893, Mrs. John Fackney, homestead	2 20
G. F. Hurlbutt, homestead	10 75
Town of Benton, D. D. Page, Morrill farm	7 63
J. H. Keyser, col. 1894, John Crimmings, land had of G. W. Chapman and J. M. Williams	9 93
S. S. Bartlett, E. L. Page farm	34 29
G. F. Hurlbutt, homestead	10 47
Town of Benton, D. D. Page, Morrill farm	7 27
Town of Benton, 1-2 old Woodard farm, Wm. Tibbetts 1-2	12 12
J. H. Keyser, col 1895, A. W. Putnam heirs pasture land	6 04
J. B. Lindsey, part Hazen Whitcher farm	3 14



John Crimmings, W. Tibbett's old farm	\$10 14
“ land had of G. W. Chapman and J. M. Williams	9 40
S. S. Bartlett, E. L. Page farm and lot 40	39 38
Town of Benton, D. D. Page farm	9 22
W. W. Eastman, col. 1896, E. C. French homest.	2 64
N. Burke homestead	12 29
G. F. Hurlbutt homestead	6 68
W. W. Eastman, for E. R. Weeks, C. F. Morrill f'm	7 73
Town of Benton, D. D. Page place	9 50
J. H. Keyser, col. 1897, J. B. Lindsay, 8 acres H. Whitcher farm	3 50
Arthur Curtis, 7 acres F. Hill farm	4 39
S. S. Bartlett, E. L. Page farm	20 07
“ lot No. 40 G	7 86
Town of Benton, D. D. Page place	8 96
John Crimmings, 15 acres land had of G.W. Chap- man and J. M. Williams	8 46
Mrs. B. M. Tyler homestead	12 08
Napoleon Burke “	10 83
J. H. Keyser, col. 1898, Arthur Curtis, 7 acres F. Hill farm	5 97
S. S. Bartlett, lot 40	10 50
J. B. Lindsay, 8 acres H. Whitcher farm	4 64
Hotel Co., hotel on Moosilauke	20 32
Joseph Plant, 13 acres pasture land	4 69
Geo. Silver, 80 acres, lot No. 10 W.	7 94
Lewis French homestead	11 18
John Crimmings estate, 15 acres land had of G. W. Chapman and J. M. Williams	5 31
Mrs. A. R. Gerry, homestead	9 81
Joseph Ramsey, “	10 62
Sam Howe, “	15 11

W. W. Eastman, homestead	\$40 78
B. M. Tyler, Torsey lot	5 08
Mrs. S. J. Hutchins, homestead	9 93
Cash on hand	31 89

### Liabilities.

William Kendall, note dated Jan. 2, 1897 at 4 1-2 percent	\$706 79
Bal. due on outstanding orders	157 36
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	\$864 15
Total assets, Feb. 15, 1899	\$997 18
Total liabilities, Feb. 15, 1899	864 15
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	\$133 03

### Library Report.

BENTON, N. H., Feb. 15, 1899.

The trustees have in their care 157 books and case, as reported by the librarian.

Cash in hands of trustees, \$41.00

WM. KENDALL, Trustee.

## Financial Report of School Board.

Received of town of Benton	\$400 00
literary fund and dog tax	53 20
Balance in treasurer's hands	16 07
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	\$469 27

## Paid orders.

No. 1	Mary French, cleaning house 5	\$1 70
2	Leon Tyler, " 6	2 00
3	Belinda Batchelder, teaching 10 w. No. 5	45 50
4	Gracie M. Collins, " " 6	40 00
5	May Foss, boarding ten weeks	9 00
6	S. J. Hutchins, wood No. 6	8 50
7	J. Ramsey, carrying scholar	5 00
8	Belinda Batchelder, teaching 10 w. No. 5	45 50
9	Edna Tyler, " " 6	55 00
10	Town of Warren, schooling children	14 25
11	Glass, E. B. Mann & Co.,	2 51
12	W. S. Nutter, repairing house	1 50
13	Mrs. Ella Mann, cleaning house	75
14	Edson Hurlbutt, building fires No. 6	2 00
15	John Cox, " 5	2 00
16	Edna Tyler, teaching 12 weeks, No. 6	72 00
17	Millie Foster, " 11 "	49 50
18	O. L. Mann, boarding 31 weeks	46 50
19	Alonzo Spooner, wood No. 5	11 00
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		\$414 21

Total amount received	\$469 27
" paid	414 21
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Balance	\$55 06

MINNIE S. NUTTER, Chairman of School Board.



There have been 32 weeks of school in Dist. No. 6. Spring term taught by Mrs. Gracie Collins. Fall and winter terms taught by Miss Edna Tyler. The work has been done as satisfactory as possible in an ungraded school.

In Dist. No. 5, there have been 31 weeks. Spring and fall terms taught by Miss Belinda Batchelder, a faithful, conscientious teacher, but labored under the disadvantage of the larger scholars resisting good discipline.

The winter term was in charge of Miss Millie Foster, a first class teacher in every respect. She experienced some trouble at first in the disorderly conduct of the older scholars, but with the assistance of your chairman, soon got them under good subjection, and the result was a profitable term for all.

Through the effort of Miss Tyler, in Dist. No. 6, \$1.50 was raised by an entertainment for Lafayette monument fund.

MINNIE S. NUTTER, } Chairman of  
RUTH J. VEASEY } School Board.

### Births Registered in the Town of BENTON for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child.	Sex.	Living or Stillborn.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Feb. 23, '98	All Benton	Harold W.	m	All living.	white.	F. H. Pope	Ella Page	All Benton	Farmer	Danville, Vt.	Benton	30	28
June 31,			f			G. N. Belyea	Nancy J. Moses		"	P. Q.	Norton Mills	31	27
Dec. 2,						Samuel Howe	Cora White		"	Benton	Haverhill		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

J. H. KEYSER, Town Clerk.

### Marriages Registered in the Town of BENTON, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name of Groom and Bride.	Res. at time of Marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation	Birthplace.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Widow, single, No. marriage.	Name, res. and official station of person by whom married.
Aug. 29, '98	Swiftwater	A. E. Tyler Isabel Muie	Benton. Bath	44 36	white.	Farmer Domestic	Benton N. B.	Chas. C. Tyler Alexander Muie		Farmer "	Widowed Single	Rev. C. E. Clough, Swiftwater
Sept. 6,	Bath	Edgar L. Morse Hattie H. Buzzell	Easton Benton	38 26	white.	Farmer Domestic	Lisbon Benton	W. B. Morse D. M. Howe		" "	First Divorced	A. H. Drury, Justice of Peace Bath
Nov. 26,	Montpelier	Hugh A. Dexter J. L. O'Keefe	" P. Q.	21 24	white.	Farmer Domestic	Lisbon P. Q.	S. W. Dexter Henry O'Keefe		" "	First "	Andrew Gillin, clergyman Montpelier, Vt

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

J. H. KEYSER, Town Clerk.

### Deaths Registered in the Town of BENTON, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Years.	Mos.	Days.	Birthplace.	Sex.	Color.	Married, Single or Widowed	Occupation	Name of Father.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Name and P. O. Address of Physician reporting death.
Jan. 30, '98	All Benton	Asa Putney	76			Chelsea, Vt	m	white.	Widowed	Farmer	Bailey Putney	Paralysis	E. A. Noyes, N. Haverhill
June 13,		Prescott Parker	76	6		Bath			Married	"	Prescott Parker	Apoplexy	J. F. Shattuck, Wells River
April 11,		Sally Davis	96	22	7		f	white.	Widowed			Old Age	O. D. Eastman, Woodsville

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

J. H. KEYSER, Town Clerk.

# Births Registered in the

Age	Place of Birth	Name of the Child	Name of the Mother	Age of Mother
33	Allenton	Harold W.	M. H. H.	31
31			G. N. H.	29
29			Samuel	27

I hereby certify that the above return is correct

# Marriages Registered in the

Age	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Age of Groom	Age of Bride
33	Swilwater	A. E. Tyler	31	29
31		Isabel M. M.	29	27
29	Bath	Edgar L. Morse	27	25
27		Hattie H. Baxell	25	23
25	Montpelier	Luch A. Dexter	23	21
23		J. L. O'Keefe	21	19

I hereby certify that the above return is correct





# TO EVERY VOTER IN TOWN

I run the only Clothing Store between Woodsville and Plymouth.  
Can't say much here, but it's a fact that I sell

## Mens' Suits at \$2.00

And upwards, While Mens' Pants  
go at from 50 cents to \$3.00 per Pair.

## GENUINE CAMPTON PANTS \$2.

Boys' Knee Pants 25 cents and  
Everything Else in Proportion.

For boys, there is no cheap clothing so good  
as mine, no good clothing so cheap as mine.

If you want to make a light  
pocket-book do heavy work,  
come here.

I have sold more clothing than any other man in the North Country.  
Everybody knows me up this way and I stake my stock and  
prices on my reputation. My resources and experi-  
ence is such that no one else can sell cheap  
as I do. It will pay you to come  
thirty or forty miles to trade.

If you cannot come, order by mail, what you want, give size, color,  
etc., I do the rest and you will be amazed at the low price. Satisfac-  
tion guaranteed.

N. T. CASWELL, - - Warren, N. H.